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OUR JAPANESE CITIZENS

At the end of this month Japanese who were hastily evacuated from Canada's Pacific Coastline early in 1942 will be freed from the prohibition which has forbidden them to return to coastal areas, but there is not likely to be any mass movement of the Japanese westward.

Certainly there will be no general exodus of Japanese from Southern Alberta, and the indications are that only a few of the 3,500 Japanese in this region will be trekking back to British Columbia. During the seven years they have been here, most of the Japanese evacuees have found Southern Alberta too much to their liking to want to leave.

They have found more tolerance here than along the Pacific coast, they have discovered that they could live at least as well from the fruits of their work in this area and they have seen a brighter future for themselves in Southern Alberta than they could ever expect of the west coast. And able able to take advantage of opportunities to permanently re-establish themselves here many have decided to stay.

Through their industry and thrift many of the evacuee families have managed to accumulate savings with which to buy farms or small businesses and the number of those going out on their own in Southern Alberta is steadily increasing. Some are using the skills acquired in British Columbia in such ventures as specialized growing of vegetable seeds.

There is another feature of major importance on the conduct of evacuee families in Southern Alberta this being that they have apparently learned that tight little racial communities such as they lived along the Pacific coast [illegible] to be Canadians [illegible] in this country. In southern Alberta the Japanese have been spreading out [illegible] to be [illegible] in the major sugar beet districts around Raymond [illegible] Burdett and Taber.

The association with Japanese generally in southern Alberta [illegible] suggest that they are being successfully assimilated largely through their own efforts, and it is hoped that [illegible] "Japanese Problem" in any part of Canada—(Lethbridge Herald)

ABOUT "BUYING BRITISH"

Anyone with the most rudimentary idea of economics knows that international trade is a two-way process. A nation cannot expect to do all the selling. It must buy from its customers in order that payment may be obtained for its exports.

Canada has been selling far more goods and commodities to Great Britain than she has been buying from the Mother Country. The favorable trade balance has been running at the rate of several hundred millions of dollars a year. If our rate of export to Britain is to be maintained we must buy more British goods.

The quesstion arises, why don't we buy more from Britain? Some seem to think that there is underhand work going on to prevent such action. Others blame the government. The truth is that the fault lies with the Canadian people collectively.

Canadian people are unquestionably in favor of more extensive purchases from Britain. They will gather at public meetings and pass resolutions to that effect. But individually they do not follow such a line of action.

When a person goes to buy a shirt or a pair of shoes, adress, some dishes, furniture etc., he or she looks to the best possible bargain. They do not look to see where the goods were made. They want the most for their money. This is particularly true of women, who do most of the purchasing of personal and household requirements.

Canadians are North Americans and follow fashions and usages common to this continent. The British do not cater particularly to our peculiarities. We buy the things we are used to. But if our imports from Britain do not increase, we may have to change our minds and our fashions Otherwise we may lose a very valuable market and may not have so much money to buy anything.

OIL-RICH FARMER GETS RID OF WEALTH

—Central Press Canadian

Made wealthy at 78 by oil found on his Leduc, Alta., farm, Gottlieb Wedman, right, is not worried about debts these days—his chief problem is getting rid of his money. Father of 25 children, he gave a gift of $1,000 to $3,000 to a son or daughter when they married. Seventeen of the children are married. Shown here with his son, Jimmy, a member of a crew drilling for oil, Mr. Wedman has split his royalties into 25 equal parts. His wife continues with her farm chores as before.

BONGO, BONGO, BONGO, I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE CONGO.

When people talk about progress civilization and mankind marching to a bigger, better and presumably atomic world and so on and on we always think of the story of the cannibal chief who was entertaining at dinner. The visiting hunter was horrified to find that the main course was "man". Meanwhile the chief went on to tell about his experiences at a European college.

"Do you mean to say" asked the hunter in a shrill voice, "that you actually went to college and yet continue to eat human flesh?"

"Oh yes", said the cannibal graciously and wiped some gravy from his mouth with a damask serviette, "but of course, I always use a knife and fork now."

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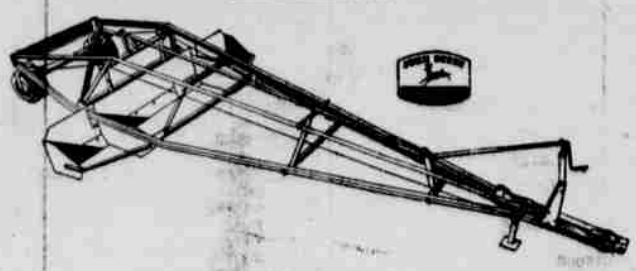

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